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### Abstract

## Historical session

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#### **SDB, then and now**

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The Society for Developmental Biology was started 70 years ago by a small group of scientists attending the first symposium on "Development and Growth" in North Truro, Massachusetts. A brief history of the SDB will be provided, including information about the activity of its members in controversial issues over the years. This will be followed by a "Presidential Round Table" discussion with past,

present and future presidents of the SDB. SDB presidents will discuss the purpose of a scientific society and how it has/can support and advance the field of developmental biology, where they see the field in 10 years, and how the SDB's role might evolve. Other topics will include some of the issues facing young developmental biologists, the importance of science advocacy and how today's SDB members might participate in socially relevant issues. Expect a lively session as presidents who served during the past 35 years share their opinions and answer your questions.

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